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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MCELDOWNEY'S BILATERAL MEETINGS IN
LONDON

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1. (C/NF) Summary and Introduction. During her November 9-11 visit to London, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Nancy McEldowney
2. (C/NF) Summary and Introduction Continued: Conservative Shadow Minister for Europe Mark Francois told Ambassador McEldowney that the Tor
Afghanistan -----
3. (C/NF) Julian Miller, Deputy Head of the Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat at the Cabinet Office, stated that Prime Minister Brown c
4. (C/NF) Miller observed that the U.S. focus on dismantling and destroying Al Qaida, encouraging the reintegration into mainstream Afghan s
Nuclear Disarmament -----
5. (C/NF) Miller asked Ambassador McEldowney to keep HMG informed of the progress of the Nuclear Posture Review. Miller affirmed that Prime
NATO: Nuclear Policy, Strategic Concept -----
6. (C/NF) The NATO Strategic Review should reflect the role of nuclear deterrence and firmly reiterate Article 5 LONDON 00002567 002 OF 004
7. (C) Miller expressed general agreement with Ambassador McEldowney's description of NATO's open door policy, observing that "the principle
8. (C/NF) Paul Johnston, the FCO's Director for International Security, believed that the U.S. nuclear policy review would be particularly in
9. (C/NF) McEldowney agreed; extended deterrence was part of a strong Article 5 commitment. But we also needed to signal support for the NP1
10. (C/NF) Johnston said that when Foreign Secretary Miliband meets NATO SYG Rasmussen on November 12, he plans to put forward a two-part ag
NATO-EU -----
11. (C/NF) On NATO-EU cooperation, Johnston discounted the likelihood of a change in Turkey's views (at least prior to its eventual EU entry
EU Security and Foreign Policy Issues -----
12. (C/NF) Despite France's insistence to keep European Security and Defense Policy out of the purview of the External Action Service (EAS),
13. (C/NF) On Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rycroft, who was recently the UK's Ambassador to Sarajevo, said he was concerned about the deepening et
14. (C/NF) On enlargement, the UK would advocate for a greater push on the membership of the Balkan states, Rycroft said, but noted that the
15. (C/NF) On a "united" Europe, Rycroft said that when the U.S. proclaims it supports a strong and united Europe, it sends a powerful messag
CFE ---
16. (C/NF) On CFE, McEldowney confirmed in her meeting with Paul Johnston that) despite Russia's two-year non-observance) we would exchang
OSCE ----
17. (C/NF) McEldowney stressed to Johnston that the Medvedev proposal should remain firmly in the OSCE's Corfu process. We would not be in
18. (C/NF) Johnston noted that the Russians were also pressing for a review of the OSCE's Vienna Document; the U.S. and UK were both opposed
Missile Defense -----
19. (C/NF) On ballistic missile defense, McEldowney welcomed the positive deliberations at the Defense Ministerial in Bratislava. On balar
20. (C/NF) In light of the Foreign Secretary's recent visit to Moscow, Johnston asked whether the Russians were taking the opportunity to "r
One Conservative Perspective -----
21. (C/NF) Conservative Shadow Minister for Europe Mark Francois previewed for PDAS McEldowney priorities and positions that a future Conser
22. (C/NF) Francois recalled that public opinion on HMG's handling of the European Union's Lisbon Treaty had been consistently low, and that
23. (U) This cable was cleared by PDAS McEldowney. Visit London's Classified Website: XXXXXXXXXXXX
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